

# Nixon Relaxes an Hour with Pals of Kremlin Trip

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Vice President Nixon forgot campaign plans and official problems for a brief hour Friday as he reminisced about his experiences on a tour of Russia one year ago.

He bubbled over with humorous recollections of his encounters with Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev on that visit; some of them containing unprintable quotations from the Red leader when he became angry over American policies.

## Awakened Early

The impromptu and highly informal gathering in a Hilton hotel private dining room was confined to staff assistants and newspapermen who accompanied Nixon on the July, 1959, visit to Moscow, Siberia, and Poland. In this familiar company, Nixon relaxed and displayed a phase of his personality which he rarely shows to the public.

With less than 10 hours of sleep in the last three nights, the Republican Presidential nominee showed few signs of weariness. He confessed irritation, however, that after retiring at 3 a. m., he had awakened at 6 a. m., still keyed up over his moment of triumph the night before.

## Tells of Preparation

Discussing his acceptance speech, after eagerly ascertaining the reactions to it of everyone present, Nixon told of its preparation, asserting that he had never worked harder on an address in his career. He prepared for writing it, he said, by reading history. Some of Winston Churchill presented this idea to the G. O. P. convention Tuesday night.

But Nixon added that he is realistic enough to know that Premier Nikita Khrushchev is "as likely to accept that as we are to accept his com-

cated that the educator might join his staff for the campaign.

## Introvert by Nature

Delivering a speech is always difficult for him, Nixon confided, because he is an introvert by nature, and has had to train himself to air his views before big audiences. He remarked that he would have liked to be a teacher if fate had not thrown him into a political career. He didn't think he would have made a good teacher, he added, because he is too impatient.

The speech, as originally planned in notes, was far too long, Nixon said, and he had to cut "some of the best parts out." But he was saving them for future addresses.

Then Nixon began talking about the trip to Russia which was climaxed by his famous face to face wrangle with Khrushchev in the kitchen of an American model home at the American exposition in Moscow.

## Story of a Flareup

He revealed the hitherto untold tale of his first meeting with Khrushchev in the Kremlin. The Russian premier attacked him about a resolution just passed by Congress which urged freedom for Russia's captive states. This was an act of war, Khrushchev shouted. Resorting to the language of the barnyard, he described the Congressional resolution in unprintable terms. Nixon told of his own retorts, not much above the Khrushchev level. The Russians grunted and finally conceded. "I will not do anything to him."

Nixon said he believed that one result of his Russian visit was the saving of a Russian boatman from exile to Siberia or worse.